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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, PEPR, LE, IS, US
SUBJECT: LEBANON: OUTBREAK IN BEIRUT

1. DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S
MEETING JULY 3 WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, THEY EXCHANGED LATEST
INTELLIGENCE ON SITUATION IN BEIRUT AREA. (BEGIN HAD BEEN EXTREMELY
CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF "SYRIAN MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS" - AND HAD
RAISED ISSUE WITH VICE PRESIDENT DURING KNESSET DINNER LAST NIGHT
(JULY 2).

2. VICE PRESIDENT BRIEFED BEGIN ON VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC STEPS U.S.
HAD BEEN TAKING IN DAMASCUS, BEIRUT, AND ELSEWHERE. HE CONCLUDED
BY URGING THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT USE ALL AVAILABLE INFLUENCE
"WITH ITS CHRISTIAN LEBANESE FRIENDS" TO COOL DOWN SITUATION
AND ENCOURAGE ENFORCEMENT OF CEASE FIRE. BEGIN LISTENED CAREFULLY,
NODDED AFFIRMATIVELY, THANKED VICE PRESIDENT FOR OUR ACTIONS,
AND PASSED ON TO NEXT TOPIC. I HAVE IMPRESSION THAT GOI MAY TRY
TO ENCOURAGE LOWERING OF TEMPERATURE, BUT BEGIN DID NOT MAKE ANY
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SPECIFIC COMMENT ABOUT OUR REQUEST, MUCH LESS ANY COMMITMENT.
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